

# The Middletown Transcript.

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 15, 1875.

The Trial List and other advertisements take up so much space this week as to crowd out much other interesting matter. Several communications, &c., are deferred till next week.

## Letter From New Castle.

DEAR TRANSCRIPT:—In accordance with the law, Courts began their spring session on Monday last, Chief Justice Gilpin and Judge Houston being present. Judge Wooten was detained and did not make his appearance till Wednesday morning.

It was very gratifying to the numerous friends of Judge Gilpin, who, at the last Fall Term of Courts was very sick, to see him again at his post of usefulness, without any evidence of impairment of his physical, or mental vigor. He is a clear headed, fearless judge, and it is earnestly hoped that the State may long enjoy his valuable services.

Little of special interest has, so far, transpired. Only routine business and a few criminal cases of minor importance, having been brought up.

Perhaps the subject that has attracted most attention, and which most comment, is the charge of the Chief Justice to the Grand Jury, or, to be more exact, the statement in that there has been, recently, "a fearful increase" of crime in New Castle county. Opinions are divided: 1st, as to the accuracy of the statement, and 2d, as to the reasons for the actual or apparent multiplication of criminal cases. Some think that the "increase" is more nominal than real; that is, that whilst there are more cases of crime of the lesser grades of turpitude, the proportion of offences, to the growth in population, is not in such relation as to show an absolute increase; and that, therefore, statistics of crime, properly interpreted, would not lead to the conclusion that our people are becoming more corrupt.

But, admitting that the morals of the people are growing worse, it is difficult to find agreement of opinion, as to the demoralizing cause or causes. Liquor, says one, is the chief radical of our woes. Small religion, cant and hypocrisy, is assigned as a cause by another; so, home government by a third, and so on, ad infinitum, almost every man who thinks of all, having and pressing a different reason for the evil, and like doctors whose diagnosis of disease differs, each has his favorite remedy, which in some instances is extolled as a specific.

After some observation of the management of criminals in other States and the fullest investigation of the system, in Delaware. I have not time or space to develop the numerous advantages to be derived from such a change, but it strikes me that, in every point of view in which the subject may be examined, the benefits to both the moral and the criminal class of the community must be obvious. To a large class of the prisoners confined in New Castle jail, during the last two years, incarceration was not punishment. The only real sufferers are the honest industrious tax-payers! One woman has been in the jail, for petty offences and vagrancy, a half dozen times in less than 24 months. Can it be supposed that she suffers from imprisonment?

Put the lazy wretches to work—make them earn a living, and pay their expenses by hard labor, and they will either avoid criminal acts and vagrancy or, at least, not prove burdensome to good people. But with regret that I cannot amplify on this important subject, I must leave it.

As usual, a large concourse of people were gathered here on Monday. The crowd was entirely diminished each day since. There has been quite a large sprinkling of prominent citizens, among whom I will mention State Senator Ray, Mr. Samuel Townsend, Messrs. A. O. Newton and Nathaniel Williams.

On Tuesday Delaware's favorite son, the gallant Bayard, was in attendance upon court, looking remarkably well and showing no signs of the severe contusions he had recently sustained through upon the floor of the U. S. Senate Chamber, where he had gathered fresh laurels for his brow, and won a warmer place in the gratitude and affection of the American people.

MORE ANON.  
New Castle, Del., May 13th, 1875.

### Death of Judge Willard Hall.

Hon. Willard Hall died in Philadelphia, Pa., on Monday, aged fifty-five years, having been born at Westford, Mass., in 1780. In 1811 he was Secretary of State under Governor Joseph Haslet, of Delaware. In 1816 he was elected to Congress, where he served four years. Originally he was a federalist and afterwards became a democrat. In 1823 President Monroe appointed him judge of the United States District Court, and he entered upon a judicial career seldom equaled in length, he having served until December 31, 1871, when he resigned because of bodily infirmity, though his mind was clear and strong as ever. During this long period his care of his judicial duty was most exact and conscientious, they receiving his first attention. The first revised code of Delaware came from under his hand, the Legislature, by resolution, having charged him with its preparation. He completed it in 1829, reducing six octavo volumes, covering 3,640 pages, into one, of which the public laws occupied 563 pages. He had removed from Dover to Wilmington in March, 1825, and he was elected from New Castle county a member of the constitutional convention of 1871, by which the then existing organic law was framed. Next he was set to work on the public school system. While serving as Secretary of State he had earnestly called attention to the need of establishing schools, and in 1829 a committee of the Legislature applied to him to draw up a bill for the purpose. It remained as he drew it, without material amendment, the school law of Delaware until the Legislature

of 1875. The schools of Wilmington were organized under it, and Judge Hall was elected president of the board of education in 1852, a place which he held until 1871, rendering valuable services to the cause of education. He was elected a member and afterward president of the Delaware Bible Society, and served as such for many years. He was president of the Wilmington Savings Fund, of the Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery Company and of other corporations. The judge married, in 1806, Miss Julia Killen, daughter of Chancellor Killen. They had one child, a daughter, married to Dr. Robert R. Porter, of Wilmington, and now deceased.

## Terrible Disaster at Sea.

Loss of the Steamer "Schiller" and over Three Hundred Lives.

Another most fearful marine disaster, causing the loss of hundreds of lives, occurred last week. The steamer "Schiller," of the New York and Hamburg line, which sailed from New York for Hamburg by way of Plymouth, England, and Cherbourg, France, on the 28th of April, struck upon the rocks of the Scilly Islands near the mouth of the English Channel, on the night of the 7th inst., during a dense fog, and was completely wrecked. A violent sea was running at the time, the vessel struck and great waves constantly broke over the deck of the doomed ship carrying away great numbers of helpless and struggling passengers. The scene, as described by survivors, was terrible in the extreme. The heavy masts fell with a crash carrying scores of hapless persons who had taken to them for refuge to a watery grave. Captain Thomas, commander of the "Schiller," is highly commended by the survivors for his excellent conduct during the whole panic that followed the striking of the steamer. He stuck manfully to his post until washed overboard. Two boats, filled with men, put off from the ship, though Captain Thomas endeavored to force their occupants to remain, by firing his revolver, first over their heads and then at them. These boats were both swamped and all on them perished. Three other boats got away but one of them sank.

Passing vessels, and others which hastened to the rescue when they became known picked up a number of persons floating upon spars &c.

The "Schiller" had on board her about 390 persons, of whom 146 were cabin passengers, 120 steerage passengers and 124 officers and crew. She was a fine steamer of 3000 tons burthen.

OBITUARY.—Hon G. W. Woodward, ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, died of pneumonia, Monday, at Rome, Italy, whither he had gone on a visit for pleasure and the benefit of his health. He was born in Bethany, March 26, 1809. He studied and practiced law, and was elected a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1837. In 1841 he was appointed President Judge of the Fourth Judicial District, and held the office for ten years. In 1844 he was nominated for United States Senator, but was defeated by Hon. Simon Cameron, who received the votes of a few Democrats who went over to the opposition. In 1845 President Polk nominated him to the Supreme Bench of the United States for the Circuit of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, but the nomination was never ratified. In May 1852, he was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and in December of that year the office having been made elective, he was chosen by the people for the same position. He served nearly sixteen years, being Chief Justice during the latter. He was re-elected for a full term. In 1863 he was Democratic candidate for Governor of the State, but was defeated by the Republican candidate, Hon. A. G. Curtin. In 1872, he was elected a delegate at large to the State Convention, called to amend the Constitution. He had helped to frame in 1838. Judge Woodward was a learned lawyer and upright judge, and a man of ability, but his habits of mind were such as enabled him to serve with more distinction on the bench than in the legislative bodies.

An attempt was made on Friday night week to burn the trestle bridge of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, above Locust Gap, and it was so much damaged that trains were not run over it. A terrible disaster was averted by the presence of mind of a watchman, who went to the nearest telegraph office and notified the morning express train from Shamokin of the insecurity of the bridge.

SECRETARY FISH TO RETIRE.—There seems to be no doubt that Sec. Fish has indicated to the President his purpose to retire from the cabinet at the close of the present fiscal year (June 30). It is surmised that Edwards Pierpont, the recently appointed Attorney General, will succeed him.—Washington Star.

The printers who struck at the Chronicle office, in Washington, intend to start a daily morning paper, and have bought material for the purpose. They have received substantial support from the Printers, Bookbinders, and Pressmen's Unions, and other associations.

The London Post states that Gen. R. S. Ripley, of South Carolina, formerly of the Confederate army, has been engaged by the Chinese government to construct extensive defensive works on the Chinese coast. Gen. Ripley is now in London and will leave for the East in a few days.

Colonel D. K. Anthony, editor of the Leavenworth (Kansas) Times, also postmaster, was killed on Monday evening by William Embury, editor of the Appeal, on the stairway of the Opera House. Ill-feeling existed between the parties.

Meissonnier is said to be the best paid artist in France. He took two years to paint a picture, and then sold it for 24,000 gold.

A New York house proudly announces that it has received an order for several pairs of shoes from his Majesty, King Kalakaua.

## New Advertisements.

### A SPLENDID FARM

In Kent County, Md.,  
AT TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent County as a Court of Equity, the undersigned as Trustee, will sell at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, on

TUESDAY,  
The 8th day of June, 1875,  
At 12 o'clock P. M.,  
At the Voshell House, in Chestertown,

### ALL THAT FARM

lately belonging to Joseph Merritt, deceased, and now occupied by James S. Merritt, Esq., situated in the Fourth Election District of Kent County, on the road leading from Chestertown to 1. U. Church, adjoining the lands of Dr. F. W. Worrell and the lands of David Bidwell, late purchased by Thomas Cochran, and others, and containing

202 ACRES AND 16 PERCHES,

MORE OR LESS.

The whole tract is arable land with the exception of about eight acres, which is set with corn, and the balance is in pasture. There is not half an acre of waste land on the premises.

The farm is divided into five fields, including

### A PEACH ORCHARD

of 1500 Trees, four years old, of choice varieties. There is also

Apple Orchard of 100 Trees,

in good bearing, and about 40 DWARF PEAR TREES in the garden of approved varieties.

The soil is as good as can be found in Kent County, has been highly improved and well cultivated, and is now producing large crops of Grain and Grass.

All the other lines of the farm are set with good Oats and Hedges, and a considerable portion of the farm is in Oats and Hedges. All the other fences are good and well-kept, and when all the hedges are growing are laid, there will be a large supply of Oats and Hedges.

The farm is within 2 miles from Chestertown, and about 13 miles from Worton station on the Kent Co. Railroad, which gives daily communication to and from Philadelphia and New York. There is also daily communication by steamboat with Baltimore from Chestertown, within 10 miles of the farm, and Churches, Mill, Mechanics and Post Office all convenient.

### THE DWELLING

is a two-story Frame House with a good rapid, containing 9 rooms, with a good well of water at the door. An excellent Mill Cellar and Meat House. A fine view of the house and grounds.

### THE OUT BUILDINGS

ARE FIRST-CLASS AND NEW.

A large Barn, (with driving-way for carts) and Corn Crib on each side; Granaries for grain, hay, and straw; all the grain produced on the farm; good Stabling for ten horses, (with feed-way in the middle) and fine lot of cattle stalls for all the stock on the farm; Barns for hay, and protection for all farming utensils. All Gates in good order.

### TERMS OF SALE.

The Terms of sale are as follows: One-fourth of the purchase money in cash, the balance in two, four and six years from day of sale. The credit payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser, with security to be approved by the Trustee, and to be paid by the day of sale. Possession given January 1st, 1876.

The crops for the current year reserved. Deed at the close of the purchase.

JAMES A. PEACOCK, Trustee.

May 15—2w.

### NOTICE.

The Superintendent of Free Schools of Delaware, announces that he will meet the teachers of New Castle County, and all other counties, at the County Seat, on the 15th inst. in our Public Schools, at the following places:

Odesa, May 24th.

Georgetown, May 25th.

St. Georges, May 26th.

Gloucester, May 27th.

New Castle, May 28th.

Harris Corner, May 29th.

Wilmington, June 1st.

School House District No. 5, June 4th.

Examinations will be held in the public school houses, and will begin at 9 o'clock A. M.

J. B. GROVES, State Supt.

### NOTICE.

At a meeting of stockholders of the Building and Loan Association of Odesa, Del., held pursuant to a call by the Secretary on Wednesday Evening May 12th, 1875, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That section "Two" of Article "Two" of the Laws of this Association be amended by striking out all after the words "paid in," and inserting "with interest at the rate of ten per centum per annum," less all taxes and charges, to be paid by the member or her—hereby annulling the amendment to said section passed December 3rd, 1873.

H. P. BAKER, Secy

Odesa, Del., May 14th, 1875.

### WOOL! WOOL!

Wool! Wool! Wool!

The highest market price will be paid for Wool, either in large or small quantities, delivered as follows: Jos. Biggs, near Cecilton, Md., on Mondays.

Duwei's Hotel, Kennedysville, on Tuesdays.

Market, Kent county, on Wednesdays.

Galena, on Thursdays.

On Fridays and Saturdays.

COMMENCING MAY 17, 1875.

GREEN & McDOWELL.

May 1st, 1875—2m.

### PLANTS.

A lot of SWEET POTATO and other HOT BED PLANTS NOW READY, and for sale CHEAP for CASH, by

HENRY CLAYTON, Mt. Pleasant, Del.

P. S. Also a very large and choice lot of my CELEBRATED SUMMER CABBAGE PLANTS ready by JUNE 1st. Peach growers ought to plant largely of these, they will make the very best and largest Summer cabbage in sixty days from planting. Celery plants in season.

H. C.

### ROSES, FUCHSIAS,

Verbenas, and the largest selection of Hybrid Perpetual, Chinese, Bengal, Bourbon and Everblooming Roses ever offered will be exposed for sale on Thursday morning May 20th at Middletown, Del., including all kinds of rare and beautiful plants. A large collection of Verbenas and all popular bedding plants. No plants sold before 8 o'clock A. M. This will be the largest stock ever offered in this town, from the Great Northern and Southern Garden and Nurseries.

RANDOLPH PETERS, Wilmington, Del., May 15th.—1w.

### FLOWERS! FLOWERS!!

I will have in Middletown, on SATURDAY 15th inst., a large collection of choice flowers in great variety, selected with great care from my Green Houses in Wilmington, which I will offer for sale at the most reasonable prices. All lovers of flowers are invited to call and examine my stock.

T. Y. DENORMANDIE, Smyrna, Del.

### PEACH BASKETS!

100,000 Warden State Peach Baskets, 20-000 Hand-made White Oak Spindle Peach Baskets, for sale cheap, if applied for soon by

W. T. TSCHUDY, may 15—3m.

Smyrna, Del.

## New Advertisements.

### TOWN HALL, MIDDLETOWN,

Positively One Day Only!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

Two Performances.

AFTERNOON at 3, EVENING at 8 o'clock.

Doors open at 2 and at 7 o'clock.

SYLVESTER BLEEKER—MANAGER.

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Just returned to America, after a Three Years' Tour Around the World, will appear in a variety of

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Songs, Duets, Dances, Dialogues, Comic Acts, and all the Latest and Latest Sketches.

At each Entertainment, the Ladies will wear several New and Elegant Costumes.

Magnificent Diamonds, &c., as worn by them before the Potentates of the World.

Also, MAJOR NEWELL, the Scintillating Phenomenon, in his Astonishing Dance upon Parallel Sticks.

POPULAR PRICES:

ADMISSION ONLY 25 Cts.

CHILDREN, under 10 years, 15 Cts.

Infants, under 5 years, 10 Cts.

Children under 10 to Reserved Seats, 25 Cts.

Ladies and Children are considerably advised to attend the Day Exhibition, and thus avoid the crowd and confusion of the Evening Performance.

GEO. MITCHELL, Agent.

### REPORT

Of the Condition of the Citizens' National Bank of Middletown, in the State of Delaware, at the close of business, May 1st, 1875.

### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, \$117,091.00

U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 80,000.00

Due from approved reserve agents, 6,144.32

Due from other National banks, 289.94

Due from State banks and bankers, 9,665.33

Real estate, furniture and fixtures, 13,933.94

Current expenses and taxes paid, 965.76

Checks and other cash items, 120.00

Other National banks, 3,884.00

Fractional currency (including nickels), 441.06

Legal tender notes, 9,212.00

Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation), 3,550.00

Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund, 1,700.00

Total, \$246,993.59

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, \$80,000.00

Surplus fund, 13,000.00

Other undivided profits, 5,068.89

National Bank notes outstanding, 71,500.00

Individual deposits subject to check, 73,749.17

Due to other National banks, 3,837.94

Due to State banks and bankers, 98.62

Total, \$246,993.59

State of Delaware, County of New Castle, ss: I, John R. Hall, Cashier of The Citizens' National Bank of Middletown, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. R. HALL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of May, 1875.

J. S. CROUCH, N. P.

HENRY CLAYTON, Director.

Correct—Attest: B. T. BIGGS, Notary.

May 15—1w.

### REPORT

Of the Condition of the New Castle County National Bank of Odesa, at the close of business, May 1st, 1875.

### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, \$134,905.00

U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 75,000.00

Other stocks, bonds and mortgages, 2,501.46

Due from other National banks, 2,260.69

Due from State banks and bankers, 3,305.90

Real estate, furniture and fixtures, 9,075.35

Current expenses and taxes paid, 393.93

Checks and other cash items, 627.28

Fractional currency (including nickels), 384.60

Legal tender notes, 35.00

Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation), 3,375.00

Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund, 1,000.00

Total, \$242,200.70

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, \$25,000.00

Surplus fund, 25,000.00

Other undivided profits, 6,058.89

National bank notes outstanding, 63,825.00

Individual deposits subject to check, 52,792.43

Due to other National banks, 9,059.44

Due to State banks and bankers, 404.74

Due to State banks and bankers, 10,000.00

Total, \$242,200.70

State of Delaware, County of New Castle, ss: I, J. L. Gibson, Cashier of the New Castle County National Bank of Odesa, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11th day of May, 1875.

J. G. BROWN, N. P.

Correct—Attest: WILLIAM POLK, Notary.

JOHN APPLETON, Notary.

May 15—1w.

### AUCTION SALE!

The undersigned, intending to relinquish housekeeping, will sell at Public Sale, on Main street, Middletown, Del.,

On Wednesday, May 13th, 1875, At 11 o'clock, A. M.

All the various articles of

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ten cents a line for first insertion, and five  
cents per line for each additional insertion.  
Rates for one inch and over, as follows:

Space.	1 wk.	1 mo.	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 year.
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3 "	1.75	3.50	6.00	9.00	16.00
4 "	2.25	4.50	8.00	12.00	20.00
5 "	2.75	5.50	9.00	13.50	22.50
6 "	3.25	6.50	10.00	15.00	25.00
7 "	3.75	7.50	11.00	16.50	27.50
8 "	4.25	8.50	12.00	18.00	30.00
9 "	4.75	9.50	13.00	19.50	32.50
10 "	5.25	10.50	14.00	21.00	35.00

Business Local and Special Notices to one  
line for each insertion. Obituaries charged  
for the rate of 5 cents per line of eight  
words. Marriages and deaths inserted free.  
Times: at advance, invariably.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 16, 1875.

## Local and State Affairs.

### Minor Topics.

Don't forget the Tom Thumb Entertainment  
in the Town Hall, next Wednesday  
evening.

Randolph Peters advertises a handsome as-  
sortment of flowers to be sold in Middletown,  
Thursday morning next.

Rev. J. N. Watson will (D. V.) hold di-  
vine services in St. Augustine, (Md.) Church,  
to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. J. P. Mead, having determined to re-  
linquish house-keeping, will sell at his resi-  
dence on Main street, on Wednesday, May  
19th, at auction, his household goods.

That Spelling Bee spelled a good deal of  
time. It took all day Tuesday to prepare for  
it; Tuesday evening to go through with, and  
all day Wednesday to close and discuss it.

Mr. T. Y. DeNormandie, of Wilmington,  
gives notice on another column that he will  
be in Middletown to-day, with a fine as-  
sortment of flowers, which he offers at reasonable  
prices.

Mr. B. F. Lippincott has a fine assortment  
of flowers, pans, &c., at his residence on  
North Broad st., which he is selling at very  
moderate prices. Go give him a call, ladies,  
and see his stock.

### Killed on the Railroad.

A man, supposed to have been James Shans  
of Baltimore, a poor "tramp," was struck by  
the north-bound express on the P. W. & D.  
R. R., last Friday week, near Elkton, and so  
badly hurt that he died next day.

### Lecture at Summit Bridge.

Rev. G. R. Bristol lectured on "The Mi-  
serable Penitence" on Thursday evening, to  
a large and greatly pleased audience in Sum-  
mit M. E. Church.

Mr. B's next lecture will be at Bethel M. E.  
Church, Subject, "That Boy." We are un-  
able to state the time.

### Out His Wife's Head.

Patrick Cooney, of Wilmington, was taken  
before Esquire Frazier, of that city, on Friday  
last week, on the charge of having assaulted his  
wife with a butter knife and cut her  
head. The facts, as elicited by the evidence,  
were, that, on the evening, Patrick had  
given his wife some money to buy fish for  
dinner, but Mrs. Cooney preferred whiskey  
to fish and consequently spent a part of the  
money for a "sup of the cracker" and became  
incredibly drunk, and when her liege came  
to dinner he found so little for him to eat  
that he became enraged and made the assault  
of which his wife complained. Patrick was  
fined \$5 and costs, which he paid and then  
went to New Castle on a charge of habitual  
drunkenness, and pawing his clothes and  
furniture for whiskey.

### Incendiary Fire.

The large frame dwelling house of Mr. Jas.  
J. Ginn, in Cecil county, Md., near Sasfras,  
was destroyed by fire at a very early hour  
last Monday morning. The fire broke out  
rapidly that the occupants were obliged to  
hasten from the house without being able to  
secure scarcely any portion of their clothing.  
The neighbors hastened to the rescue and by  
hard work succeeded in saving the parlor  
furniture, except the piano, and a few beds.  
All the rest of the contents of the house were  
destroyed. As there was no insurance Mr.  
Ginn's loss will be very heavy.

### A Negro Boy Punished for Some Offense.

Mr. Ginn had punished for some offense  
suspected of having caused the fire, and being  
arrested he confessed the crime. He had  
another boy, Wm. Price, had advised him to  
burn the house, and had given him five cents  
with which to buy coal oil to start the fire  
with. He bought the oil, poured some of it  
upon the floor, and some upon a bundle of  
paper. This latter he stuck in a wood partition  
and set fire to it. This done, seeing the  
effects of his act, and perhaps frightened at  
what he had done, he ran to Mr. Ginn's room  
and gave the alarm, and thus enabled them  
to escape.

The boy, with another little fellow, were  
taken before Esquire Richards, at Cecilton,  
and after a hearing committed to Elkton jail  
for trial.

Various rumors have been afloat as to the  
disposition of the boy Scott. It was at one  
time said that he was taken from the hands  
of the officer who was conveying him to jail  
and hung to a tree where he was found next  
morning. It was also said that he had mysteri-  
ously disappeared, how and where no one  
knew. There is no truth, however, we learn,  
in any of the rumors. Both boys were taken  
to Elkton, and are now in the jail.

The boy Scott is about 14 years of age, and  
Price 15. The other boy, whom Scott at first  
implicated but 8 years old. It is pretty  
evident that he knew nothing at all about the  
matter.

### The Spelling Bee.

The Grand Spelling Bee, in aid of Dele-  
ware's quota to the Centennial Fund, which  
for some weeks past had been advertised  
in these flaming terms by the Board of Man-  
agers, and which had so completely engaged  
the attention of the spellers of the neighbor-  
hood, came off on Tuesday evening. The  
big room in the Town Hall was filled with a  
large audience who paid the strictest atten-  
tion, and manifested great interest in the  
proceedings. The exercises were opened with  
an overture by Price's orchestra, followed by  
a beautiful and lively song by the Odesa  
quartet. The umpire, Rev. Dr. L. C. Mat-  
lack, Rev. W. C. Butler and E. Reynolds,  
seated themselves at the "round table" at one  
corner of the stage, with Webster and Wor-  
cester, unabridged, before them. Rev. Dr.  
Patton, the presiding officer of the evening  
made a few introductory (and appropriate)  
remarks and read the rules for the guidance  
of the officers and spellers.

The contestants were then arranged in a  
double row upon the stage, with their attor-  
ney, Dr. T. H. Gilpin ready to champion their  
cause, and Prof. L. B. Jones, the pedagogue  
or pronouncer, stood at the head of the line  
with an "Edict." Some of the smaller and younger  
orthographic soldiers soon gave way before  
the terrible discharge of words, and as the  
fire became heavier spellers dropped from the

rank continually until less than half of the  
thirty-four, with whom the battle opened, re-  
mained on the field. As one by one the con-  
testants were retired, the delight and sym-  
pathy of the audience were manifested in  
loud applause. Penic, Nucleus, Sublety,  
Superade, Singing, Distinct, Paucity, and  
other like words sent their grapples suc-  
cessively from the stage until but two ladies  
and four gentlemen remained. The contest now  
became quite exciting. One gentleman gave  
way on "Tyrannize," though his case created  
much sympathy and caused considerable dis-  
cussion among the umpires as it was con-  
tended that he spelled the word correctly ac-  
cording to some authorities. However it was  
decided that the "standards" were against  
him and he had to go. "Dyeing"—to color  
—shouted the Pedagogue, and went on to  
other amid tumultuous applause. "Separa-  
tion" caused another to part company with  
the foe and join the ranks of the many who  
had gone on before. But one gentleman and  
two ladies now remained. One of the ladies  
refused to handle a "Piggin" and gracefully  
retired. "Pannier," literally defined, brought  
down the house and sent the young gentle-  
man blushing from the stage and left the  
field, victory and first prize to Mrs. L. B.  
Jones.

The prizes were then distributed to the  
successful contestant by Dr. Patton, in the  
following order: To Mrs. L. B. Jones, 1st,  
one share of centennial stock; to W. J. Fer-  
ris, 2d, a handsome gold watch; to Mrs. L.  
B. Jones, 3d, a silver centennial medal; to  
Miss Lizzie Bucke, 4th, a silver centennial  
medal; to L. H. Lane, 5th, a dark bronze  
centennial medal; to W. N. Wilson, 6th, a  
gold centennial medal. James Hall, a  
little boy, having been the first to miss, re-  
ceived the primer, and was loudly applauded.  
Thus pleasantly passed off the Middletown  
"Bee" leaving no sharp sting, though some  
were doubtless much disappointed.

## Proceedings of Court.

The Court of General Sessions and of the  
Peace and Jail Delivery opened at New Castle  
on Monday. Chief Justice Gilpin and Asso-  
ciate Justice Houston on the bench. Nathan-  
iel Williams Esq., was made foreman of the  
Grand Jury. The usual charge was deliv-  
ered by C. J. Gilpin. The most notable fea-  
ture in the charge was his Honor's statement  
that crime was fast increasing in this county,  
while it was decreasing in both Kent and  
Sussex. "The people," said he, "are becom-  
ing lawless. The only check is the quick  
prompt and speedy visitation of the penali-  
ties of the law." The Judge alluded to the  
recent supposed homicide in Wilmington and  
explained the law of murder—different de-  
grees, &c., and the duties of the Grand Jury  
in regard to it. He also called the attention  
of the Grand Jury to the Temperance law,  
and spoke of the duties of the various courts  
to prevent infringements of this law, and  
of their disregard of it, and charged the  
Grand Jury to hold them to a strict account.  
A large number of petty cases—selling  
liquor without license, selling liquor on Sun-  
day, assault and battery, illegal voting, doing  
business without license &c., were then dis-  
posed of. Some by payment of costs, some  
by forfeiture of bail, others by entering a  
nolle prosequi &c., &c.

### The Grand Jury returned true bills against

a number of men and women both white and  
negroes, for small offenses—petty larcenies  
&c. Several of these were convicted, some  
by trial and some by pleading guilty. The  
court made short work with them and placed  
various sentences upon them, according to  
the nature of their several offenses, and thus  
ended the first day.

Tuesday, May 12th, '75.

The time of the court was again occupied  
with a lot of miserable little cases of larceny  
and assault at which J. P. might have settled.  
The first case of any account whatever  
was that of

State vs. Chas. H. Gallagher, indicted for  
an assault upon Wm. T. Crossdale, of Every  
Evening. Mr. G. submitted the case to the  
court, and was tried without a jury. Messrs.  
Crossdale, Cameron, G. R. Greenman and  
W. H. Brady testified for the State.

This closed the testimony.

Mr. Gallagher then made a statement to the  
Court admitting the truth of Mr. Crossdale's  
testimony and acknowledging the assault.  
He stated that for more than a year he had  
been abused through the columns of Every  
Evening and denounced as a thief, a scound-  
rel and a liar. While admitting the technical  
offense, however, he did not regret its  
commission.

There seemed to be no other way of  
saving himself and his family from the  
base attacks of Mr. Crossdale. It has  
been the boast of that paper that it keeps  
within the limits of the libel law and men  
who go into that office ignorant, come out  
meek as lambs. A man has no remedy  
against this abuse, I stood it as long as hu-  
man endurance could stand it. I am in no  
public office, if I were I might be criticized.  
If there is any charge of fraud or theft against  
me let it be proved. In this article I am  
Mr. Crossdale's advocate. If he had  
permission to reply to the statements just  
made. Being granted permission, he spoke  
substantially as follows:

The article to which Capt. Gallagher al-  
luded did not, even by implication, call him  
a thief, and his statement to that effect is  
false, as are also a good many of the other  
statements he has just made. I have never  
attacked this man from personal feelings, but  
have simply performed what I believed to be  
a public duty. I believe him to be a bad  
man, dangerous to the community, and have  
simply sought to prevent him from obtaining  
a public position. He claims that from obtain-  
ing such a position he has been in private  
life, but I have frequently heard such claims  
in his behalf and immediately afterwards  
found him active in political movements. My  
last attack upon him was directed against an  
effort on his part to return to office, which I  
considered it my duty originally to drive him  
out, which I successfully did.

The Court said the prosecuting witness did  
not appear to have sustained any very severe  
injury, and it thereupon imposed a fine of  
\$15 and costs on the prisoner, the total pen-  
alty amounting to a little over \$30.

Court then took a recess till 3 p. m.

Another batch of petty larceny cases were  
disposed of in the afternoon.

## Maryland Affairs.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.—Mr.  
Robert Smith, a native of Smyrna, Del.,  
but for some years a resident of Easton,  
died on Friday the 7th inst. Had he  
lived one day longer he would have been  
one hundredth birthday. He was en-  
gaged in active business as a jeweler  
until last January when he retired,  
and gradually the lamp of life grew  
dim and finally went out from exhaus-  
tion. He had no disease, but died from  
old age.—Easton Ledger.

At an election for town commissioners  
of Elkton, Cecil county, last week, the  
following gentlemen were selected:—  
John E. Alexander, R. H. Tuft, M. D.  
Thomas Drennen, William Falls,  
Samuel B. Ford, John H. Jamar, M.

D., and Morris Dunbar. Dr. Tuft  
having received the largest vote will be  
mayor of the town for the ensuing year.

The Centerville (Queen Anne's co.)  
Observer says: "Mr. James Tigh-  
man, one of the largest fruit growers  
in the county, informs us that his fruit  
is not hurt at all, and that he expects  
to gather a larger crop of all kinds of  
fruit than for several years. Other  
fruit growers confirm Mr. Tighman's  
views in the main."

Henry Benson, convicted of commit-  
ting a nameless offense upon Mrs. Sarah  
E. Denney, in Talbot county, some  
months ago, in the Circuit Court for  
Dorchester county, whither his trial  
had been removed, was sentenced to  
the Maryland penitentiary for a term  
of years.

A district grange, composed of dele-  
gates from the granges of Talbot, Car-  
oline, Queen Anne's and Dorchester,  
was organized in Easton last week.  
Mr. J. T. Moore, of Montgomery co.,  
grand master of the State Grange, or-  
ganized the district grange.

Mr. John V. Legg, a worthy citizen  
of the second district of Queen Anne's  
county, died, on the 4th inst., of neu-  
ralgia in the head. Mr. Legg was one  
of the first registrars for the second dis-  
trict appointed by Governor Swan un-  
der the registry law of 1864.

Captain Robert Smith died in East-  
on, Talbot county, on Friday last,  
aged between 95 and 100 years. He  
was at the battle of Caut's field, Kent  
county, in Judge Chamber's company,  
in the war of 1814. He was married  
three times and leaves a widow.

A portion of the farm of James  
Trimble, fifty-two acres, within a mile  
and a half of Bay View, Cecil county,  
was sold last week for \$2,100, and the  
main street, Elkton, was offered for sale  
and withdrawn on a bid of \$2,000.

The steam mill at Dublin, Somerset  
co., belonging to E. E. Jackson & Co.,  
and M. N. Winbrow, caught fire one  
night last week from fire left in a pit  
near by, and was consumed. The mill  
was worth some \$3,000. There was  
no insurance.

Mrs. Dr. James Dawson has sold the  
farm belonging to the estate of the late  
Dr. Dawson, about three miles from  
St. Michael's, Talbot co., for \$8,000.  
The purchaser is from a Northern State,  
and secures in this purchase a very at-  
tractive residence.

One hundred and fifty thousand  
herrings, besides shad, rock and perch,  
were caught on the Choptank, by  
Messrs. Hubbard & Shuck, one day  
last week, and on Tuesday they filled  
two horseheads with herrings before  
breakfast.

A new Methodist Episcopal church  
will be dedicated on Sunday, 23d inst.,  
at Tighman's farm, Dorchester  
county, on the road leading from  
Federalburg to Crocker's ferry.

The public roads in Cecil county,  
which have to be kept up at the expense  
of the public, are 627 miles, and cost  
\$15,065 65, and yet the Whig says the  
roads are in bad condition.

The grand jury of Queen Anne's  
county has made four presentments for  
selling liquors in the first and fourth  
districts, after the adoption of the local  
option law.

The Barcus farm, belonging to Mr.  
William Connolly, of 130 acres, in  
Caroline county, has been sold to Rev.  
R. J. Williams, of Colorado, for \$24,  
400.

The Methodist Episcopal Sabbath  
School of Easton, Talbot county, is  
making arrangements for an excursion  
to Baltimore on the 16th of June next.

A farm of Mr. William Collins, 49  
acres, in Trappe district, Talbot co.,  
has been sold to Mr. A. E. Boardman,  
of New York.

The wheat crop in Wisconsin county  
is said to be promising. The prospect  
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**ISAAC JONES, Jr.,**  
**J. H. WALKER.**

April 28th, 1875.

**NOTICE.**  
The undersigned will continue the business  
of Grain Commission Merchant, &c., under the  
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April 5th, 1875.

**ISAAC JONES, Jr.,**  
Surviving partner of Cox & Jones,  
Middletown, Del. April 28, 1875.